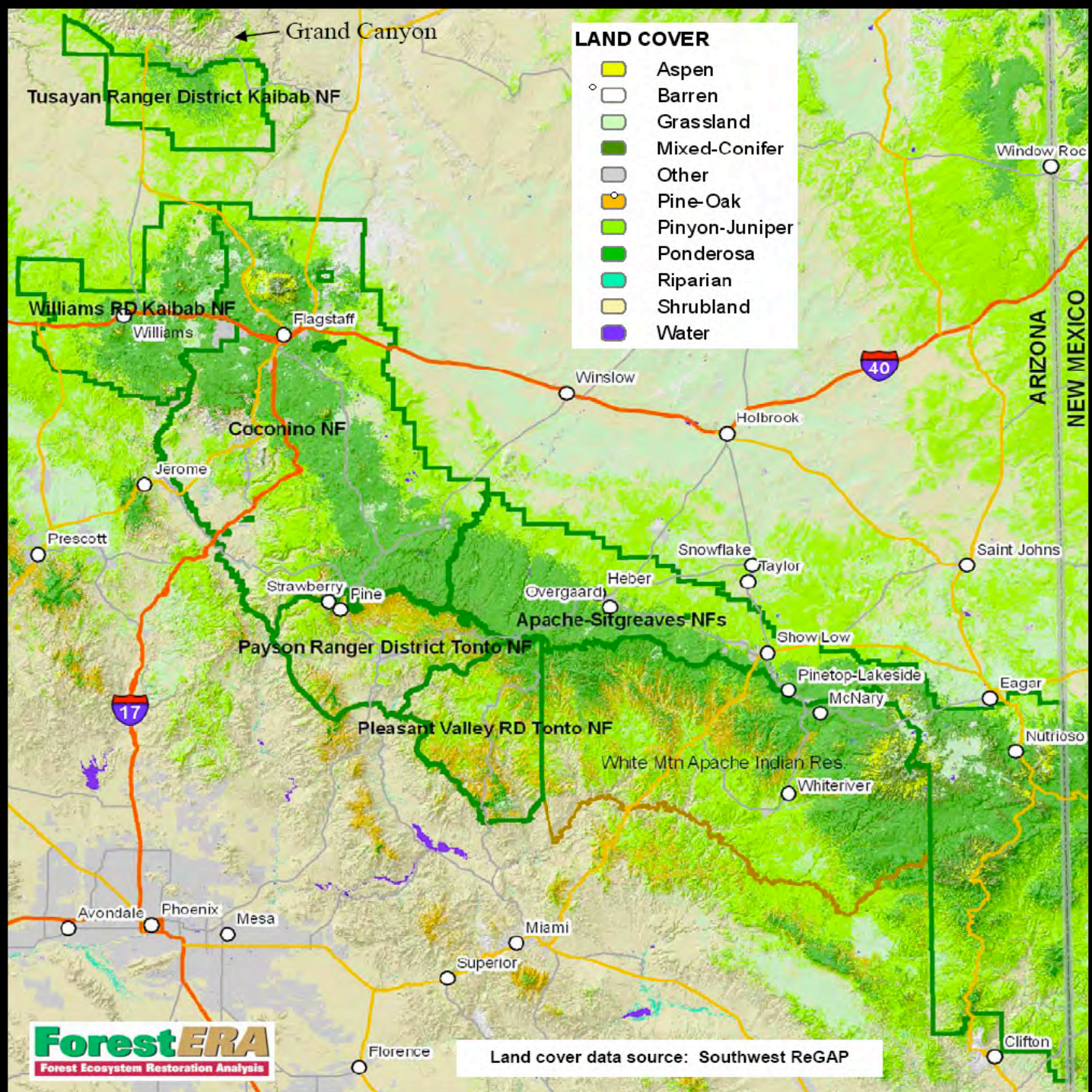


Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI)

Overview and Status

Dec 2010





Overview of the 4FRI

- Departure from historical conditions - Forest



Overview of the 4FRI

- Departure from historical conditions - Fire





Overall Goals

- Plan and implement restoration treatments across an area of 2.4 million acres
- Total area for mechanical treatment: ~1 million acres over ~20 years
- Treat ~30,000 additional acres/year, primarily through stewardship contracts
- In combination with existing efforts (~25,000 acres/year of combined thin/fire), plans are to increase treatments by ~30,000 acres/year



4FRI

Built on a number of past collaborative efforts:

- Natural Resources Working Group in the White Mountains
- Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership
- Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- *Western Mogollon Plateau Landscape Assessment (2004)*
- *White Mountains Landscape Assessment (2005)*
- *Statewide Strategy for Restoring Arizona's Forests (2007)*
- *Analysis of Small-Diameter Wood Supply in Northern Arizona (2008)*
- *Kaibab Forest Health Focus (2009)*

Stakeholder Group



Arizona Forest Restoration Products
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Arizona State Forestry Division
Arizona Eastern Counties Association
Center for Biological Diversity
Coconino County Board of Supervisors
Coconino Natural Resources Conservation District
Coconino Rural Environment Corps
Ecological Restoration Institute
Flagstaff Fire Department
Forest Energy Corp.
Gila County
Graham County
Grand Canyon Trust
Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership
Greenlee County
Northern Arizona Wood Products Association
Natural Resources Working Group
The Nature Conservancy
Navajo County
Northern AZ Logging Association
Northern Arizona University Forest Ecosystem Restoration Analysis
Pioneer Association
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Rocky Mountain Research Station
Sierra Club
Southwest Sustainable Forests Partnership
US Fish and Wildlife Service



Current Activities

- Charter developed and signed
- Working on a landscape strategy, NEPA, and proposed action
- CFLRA proposal was approved: \$2 million for FY10, and \$4 million a year for 10 years
- MOU with stakeholders in progress ***
- First project is ~724,000 acres on the Coconino and Kaibab NFs

Draft 4FRI EIS Division

- Four Forests Restoration Initiative (4FRI)
- Exclusions* (242,321 ac)
- PIPO in 1st EIS area (724,383 ac)
- Remaining PIPO in 4FRI area (1,446,129 ac)
- Other vegetation types



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Total 4FRI area = 5,968,775 ac

Total PIPO in 4FRI area = 2,412,834 ac

*Exclusions include non-USFS lands (private, state, military, local, natl. parks), steep slopes, wilderness, completed NEPA Project Areas

First 4FRI Analysis Area



Current Activities

- Monthly Meetings - Steering Committee, Stakeholder Group, Work Teams
- Work Teams:
 - *Landscape Strategy*
 - *Science and Monitoring*
 - *Communications*
 - *Industry Engagement*



Where Are We Going?

Timeline

- Landscape Strategy - early 2011
- First contract(s) - 2011
- EIS-ROD for 1st project area - 2012
- Start Implementation – 2012/13
- New project areas – 2013 and beyond



Challenges

1. Industry engagement
3. Planning at innovative scales
5. Successful collaborative planning w/current legal framework and within timelines
7. Monitoring and adaptive management
9. Funding

Questions?

